

REMARKS

I. Species Election Requirement

In the Office Action dated November 9, 2010, the Examiner required an election between the following species (see page 2 of the office action):

- (1) species drawn to the use of the method in bronchoscopy interventions;
- (2) species drawn to the use of the method in angiographic imaging in catheter interventions;
- (3) species drawn to the use of the method in implantation of cardiac pacemakers;
- (4) species drawn to the use of the method in positioning of probes;
- (5) species drawn to the use of the method in positioning of ablation electrodes;
- (6) species drawn to the use of the method for positioning of stents in vessels and bronchi; and
- (7) species drawn to the use of the method for checking the position of a catheter.

In response, Applicants elect the species drawn to the use of the method in bronchoscopy interventions (*see e.g.*, claim 16). Claims 1-16 and 23-30 read on the elected species.

The species election is made with traverse on the grounds that the search and examination of the different species is not unduly burdensome to the examiner. Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable generic claim. Office Action at page 3. Thus, Applicants presume that the species election is made to assist the Examiner in searching the invention.

II. **Concluding comments**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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